



Meeting Minutes
Iowa Prison Industries Advisory Board
Friday, December 9, 2016
IPI Showroom, Des Moines, IA

Present: Dr. Doug Hillman, Robert Carr, Jennifer Gardner, Terry Goodman, Bonnie Winther, Jenny Foster, Sheila Wilson, Dan Clark.

Absent: None.

Staff: Al Reiter, Ann Pollock, Bob Fairfax, Becky Bessine, Clint Schmidt, Justin Opfer, Ann Baughman

Guests: Jerry Evans (5JD), John Hodges (Parole Board)

I. Discussion.

Prior to the start of the meeting, Board Members heard opening comments from Parole Board Chair John Hodges. Mr. Hodges stressed the important role that IPI work training programs play in reducing recidivism, which he said was about 34% in Iowa, placing our state in the top ten nationally.

Jerry Evans addressed the Board and spoke of a natural “healthy” rate of recidivism of about 15%, which meant that offenders were being held accountable. The 5th JD supervises 8,400 offenders, with about 3,200 actively supervised, and covers 16 counties (the smallest is Adams, the largest is Polk). There are about 400 home contacts per month for the highest risk and most intensive cases. The annual budget is \$27 million, of which 89% is personnel, and there are 264 employees budgeted (current headcount was 259). The district works closely with IWD to assist offenders at the residential facilities to gain employment.

II. Call to Order.

Dr. Doug Hillman called the meeting to order at 9:41am on December 9, 2016.

III. Approval of Minutes.

Dr. Hillman called for approval of the minutes from the Board’s meeting held September 16, 2016.

Mr. Carr made a motion to accept the minutes as submitted, and the motion was seconded by Ms. Winther. All were in favor and the minutes were approved.

IV. IPI Staff Updates.

Each IPI manager provided an update for their area of responsibility.

V. Private Sector Update.

The Board considered several motions offered by Dr. Hillman related to the Prison Industries Enhancement (PIE) program:

A motion to approve a PIE program for the Stuart Egg Farm of Rose Acre Farms was made by Ms. Gardner and seconded by Mr. Goodman. All were in favor and the motion carried unanimously.

A similar motion to approve a PIE program for the Guthrie Egg Farm of Rose Acre Farms was made by Ms. Gardner and seconded by Dr. Foster. All were in favor and the motion carried unanimously.

A motion to suspend the Cost Accounting Center designation for the PIE program at Sully Truck Wash in Sully, IA was made by Mr. Goodman and seconded by Ms. Winther. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion to suspend the Cost Accounting Center designation for the PIE program at Brand FX in Pocahontas, IA was made by Ms. Winther and seconded by Mr. Goodman. The motion carried unanimously.

VI. New Business.

Mr. Goodman offered a motion for the Board to meet on the following dates and locations during 2017:

Friday, March 31, 2017	Newton
Friday, June 16, 2017	Rockwell City
Friday, September 15, 2017	Anamosa
Friday, December 8, 2017	IPI Showroom (Des Moines)

The motion was seconded by Ms. Gardner. All were in favor and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Goodman inquired regarding the terms of Board members, which are shown below. The positions of DOC representative and Parole Board representative are appointed by those two agencies, while the remaining five positions are appointed by the Governor.

Name	Professional Organization	Term
Dr. A. Douglas Hillman, Chair	Financial Representative (Drake University)	2019
Robert Carr, Vice Chair	DOC Representative (Former State Senator)	2017
Terry Goodman	Manufacturing Representative (PDM Distribution Services)	2019
Jennifer Gardner	Agriculture Representative (Farmer and Teacher)	2017
Sheila Wilson	Parole Board Representative	2016
Dr. Jennifer Foster	Voc-Educational Representative (Des Moines Area Cmnty College)	2019
Yvonne (Bonnie) Winther	Labor Representative (Communications Workers of America)	2017

VII. Adjourn

Dr. Hillman called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Goodman made the motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Carr. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 12:03pm.

Minutes submitted by:



Dan Clark, Director

Minutes approved by:



Dr. Doug Hillman, Chair